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Scheme of the United States of America

Amendment

The Office of the United States Trade Representative has informed the UNCTAD secretariat that:

"The United States General System of Preferences program was extended without change through 31 July 1995 when the President signed the Uruguay Round Bill on Thursday, 8 December 1994. This legislation also included a retroactive clause providing for the refund of MFN duties paid during the hiatus in the GSP program from 1 October through 8 December 1994."

In addition, the United States has extended the generalized system of preferences to Armenia. At the same time the Bahamas and Israel have been suspended from the list of beneficiaries for having exceeded the per capita GNP limits. This information is contained in Proclamation 6767 of 3 February 1995 (see attached "Presidential documents", reproduced in English only).

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Presidential Documents

Title 3—

The President

Proclamation 6767 of February 3, 1995

To Amend the Generalized System of Preferences

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

1. Pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("trade Act") (19 U.S.C. 2461 and 2462), and having due regard for the eligibility criteria set forth therein, I have determined that it is appropriate to designate Armenia as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).

2. Pursuant to section 504(f) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2464(f)), I have determined that the per capita gross national product of The Bahamas has exceeded the applicable limit provided for in section 504(f). Accordingly, pursuant to section 504(a) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2464(a)), I have determined that it is appropriate to suspend the designation of The Bahamas as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the GSP, and pursuant to section 504(f) of the Trade Act, I have determined that it is appropriate to terminate such designation.

3. Pursuant to section 504(f) of the Trade Act, I have determined that the per capita gross national product of Israel has exceeded the applicable limit provided for in section 504(f). Accordingly, I have determined that it is appropriate to terminate the designation of Israel as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the GSP.

4. Section 604 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2483) authorizes the President to embody in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) the substance of the provisions of that Act, and of other acts affecting import treatment, and actions thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, acting under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including but not limited to sections 501, 504, and 604 of the Trade Act, do proclaim that:

(1) General note 4(a) to the HTS, listing those countries whose products are eligible for benefits of the GSP, is modified by: (a) inserting "Armenia" in alphabetical order in the list of independent countries;

(b) deleting "Bahamas, The" and "Israel" from the list of independent countries; and

(c) deleting "Bahamas, The" from the list of Member Countries of the Caribbean Common Market, and amending the heading of that list to read "Member Countries of the Caribbean Common Market (CARICOM), except The Bahamas".

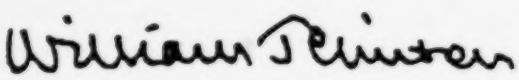
(2) General note 4(d) to the HTS is modified as provided in Annex I to this proclamation.

(3) Any provisions of previous proclamations and Executive orders inconsistent with the provisions of this proclamation are hereby superseded to the extent of such inconsistency.

(4)(a) The modifications to the HTS made by paragraph (1)(a) of this proclamation shall be effective with respect to articles that are: (i) imported on or after January 1, 1976, and (ii) entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 15 days after the date of publication of this proclamation in the Federal Register.

(b) The modifications to the HTS made by paragraphs (1)(b), (1)(c), and (2) shall be effective on July 1, 1995.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand thisthird day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and nineteenth.



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Annex I—Modifications to General Note 4(d) of the HTS

Effective with respect to articles both: (i) imported on or after January 1, 1976, and (ii) entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after July 1, 1995.

General note 4(d) is modified by:

(a) deleting the following HTS subheadings and the country set out opposite such subheadings:

3909.10.00	....	Israel
4011.91.50	....	Israel
8419.19.00	....	Israel
8419.90.10	....	Israel
8517.30.15	....	Israel

(b) deleting the country set out opposite the following HTS subheadings:

2903.40.40	....	Israel
2903.59.40	....	Israel
2918.90.30	....	Bahamas
2933.40.10	....	Israel
7113.19.50	....	Israel

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